

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Tony Rangel, Bob Steers, Jeff Swartz, Joe Zeller, and Alderwoman Tammy Lichty.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blachford called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

AGENDA: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Rangel to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 21, 2020, and the year-end meeting held on December 30, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

OATH – WARD II

Mayor Blachford administered the Oath of Office to Ward II Alderwoman Tammy Lichty.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Blachford would like to remind everyone that winter is here; therefore, snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks. Rita Ellsworth commented that the street and sidewalk in front of City Hall are icy. Mayor Blachford would like to remind the city employees that it is their responsibility to keep the city hall sidewalks clear from ice and snow.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Blachford commented on the water issues in the new safehouse at the city park. The structure cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The water should flow to the drains. He would like the committee to review the issue and make sure it is corrected during the warranty period.

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal Governmental Agreement: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the Interlocal Governmental Agreement with St. Lawrence for \$10,500 for 2021. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

Pay Raises: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to give \$1.75/hour to Christi Danburg and \$2.75/hour to Cindy Deuter. The \$10,500 from St. Lawrence will cover the wages, FICA, and retirement. These raises will be after the 4% cost of living increase that was budgeted and are effective with the first payroll in January 2021. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve a \$0.50/hour increase for Jim Henson and set Sandi Selting's wage at 15.00/hour before the 4% cost of living increase. These raises were discussed at budget time and are effective with the first payroll in January 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-1 Annual Salaries: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the reading of Resolution 2021-1 – Annual Salaries. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

Designate Depositories and Official Newspaper: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to designate *The Miller Press* as the official newspaper and Quoin Financial Bank and American Bank and Trust as the official depositories. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Holiday Date Changes: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Swartz to change the following meetings to Tuesday following the Monday holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Olson Outlot 1 Plat: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve Olson Outlot 1 Plat. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Project: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Rangel to pay SPN Phase III invoices 22905-22907 for a total of \$13,453.39. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve TLC Olson Const., LLC Pay Request No. 5 for \$86,102.91. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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